

**ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA,
NOVEMBER 1991**

MAIN FEATURES

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE CIVILIAN
POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER
(Seasonally adjusted)**

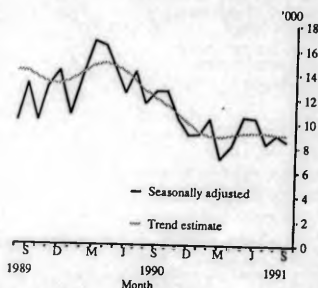


Unemployment rate

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Victoria, decreased from a peak of 10.9 per cent in September 1991, to 10.3 per cent in October 1991. The October 1991 unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) has increased by 2.8 percentage points compared with October 1990 when an unemployment rate of 7.5 per cent was recorded.

At the national level, the unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) for October 1991, was 10.1 per cent. This represented a 0.1 percentage point decrease since September 1991, and was 2.4 percentage points higher than October 1990. The October 1991 unemployment rate was the same as the March 1983 rate.

**NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED,
VICTORIA**



Motor vehicle registrations

In seasonally adjusted terms, Victorian registrations of new motor vehicles, decreased from 9,015 in August 1991 to 8,494 in September 1991, a decrease of 5.8 per cent. This meant there were 4,089 fewer registrations in September 1991 than for September 1990, a percentage decrease of 32.5 per cent. The trend estimate of Victorian registrations fell, for the third consecutive month to 9,031 in September 1991.

At the national level, new motor vehicle registrations (seasonally adjusted), for September 1991, decreased by 5.3 per cent since August 1991. There was a decrease in registrations of 21.3 per cent in September 1991 compared with September 1990. From May 1991, there were two consecutive increases in the monthly trend estimate before decreasing in August 1991 to 41,589 and increasing to 41,612 in September 1991.

INQUIRIES

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TABLE 1. VICTORIA IN RELATION TO OTHER STATES AND AUSTRALIA (a)

Indicator	Reference period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust (b)	Victoria as a percentage of Australia
Employed persons	'000 Oct 91	2,570.3	1,985.3	1,324.8	638.7	751.5	194.2	7,687.8	25.8
*Unemployment rate									
- seasonally adjusted	per cent Oct 91	9.7	10.3	9.6	10.7	11.6	10.7	10.1	..
Average weekly total earnings									
- all employees (c)	\$ May qr 91	493.30	485.90	463.90	459.40	489.10	457.50	484.30	..
Consumer price index, all groups (c)	1980-81=100 Sep qr 91	215.1	219.0	211.5	217.3	213.1	211.5	215.7	..
*New dwelling units approved	no. Sep 91	3,827	2,077	3,246	918	1,476	311	12,136	17.1
Value of all buildings approved	\$m Sep 91	615.3	307.0	349.0	94.5	137.0	29.7	1,623.6	18.9
Engineering construction									
- commenced, total	\$m June qr 91	687.4	548.4	525.6	248.2	348.2	67.9	2,507.0	21.9
- yet to be done, total	\$m June qr 91	1,441.0	677.4	1,238.1	216.5	647.1	225.7	4,518.4	15.0
Housing finance for owner occupation	\$m Sep 91	834.6	497.6	416.3	142.9	188.2	34.9	2,175.2	22.9
Retail turnover - trend estimates	\$m Sep 91	2,791.9	1,863.9	1,288.8	623.2	705.3	196.2	7,707.1	24.2
New motor vehicle registrations									
- seasonally adjusted	no. Sep 91	14,306	8,494	7,807	2,942	3,951	..	39,993	21.2
Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities	\$'000 June qr 91	196,974	93,130	131,878	30,418	41,509	13,861	538,518	17.3
Exports (excluding re-exports)	\$m Aug 91	991.2	801.3	1,032.4	251.6	1,132.3	94.6	4,419.8	18.1
Imports	\$m Aug 91	1,946.1	1,238.7	382.2	163.0	246.4	37.6	4,040.5	30.7
*Industrial disputes									
- working days lost per '000 employees	no. Aug 91	416	210	142	249	331	48	276	..
Electricity production	million kWh Sep 91	4,711	3,262	2,184	815.0	1,166	767	12,905	25.3
*Actual private new capital expenditure									
- seasonally adjusted	\$m Mar qr 91	2,601	1,427	928	420	964	118	6,562	21.7

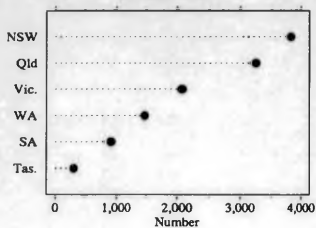
CHANGE OVER SAME PERIOD PREVIOUS YEAR (PER CENT)

*Employed persons	'000 Oct 91	-2.0	-4.0	-0.5	-3.9	-1.9	-2.0	-2.3	..
Unemployment rate									
- seasonally adjusted	per cent Oct 91	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Average weekly total earnings									
- all employees (c)	\$ May qr 91	1.5	2.0	5.8	2.7	7.8	1.9	3.0	..
Consumer price index, all groups (c)	1980-81=100 Sep qr 91	2.8	3.9	3.3	4.1	1.9	3.6	3.3	..
New dwelling units approved	no. Sep 91	15.0	12.7	28.5	-3.5	21.2	29.6	17.2	..
Value of all buildings approved	\$m Sep 91	-21.2	-13.1	12.6	-28.5	-11.0	-38.5	-10.9	..
Engineering construction									
- commenced, total	\$m June qr 91	-8.0	-20.1	3.1	33.5	-5.0	169.4	-3.9	..
- yet to be done, total	\$m June qr 91	0.5	-11.1	-2.3	-23.8	106.1	-8.4	2.9	..
Housing finance for owner occupation	\$m Sep 91	37.2	38.0	50.4	-4.3	40.7	15.2	29.9	..
*Retail turnover - trend estimates	\$m Sep 91	4.4	2.2	3.5	5.0	5.8	3.9	4.0	..
New motor vehicle registrations									
- seasonally adjusted	no. Sep 91	-21.5	-32.5	-14.4	-27.5	-8.2	..	-21.3	..
Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities	\$'000 June qr 91	-4.4	1.0	13.3	-0.8	2.3	9.4	1.5	..
Exports (excluding re-exports)	\$m Aug 91	-12.8	51.2	-8.2	1.6	45.1	-17.9	6.3	..
Imports	\$m Aug 91	-1.9	-6.9	2.3	5.5	6.9	30.1	-3.8	..
Industrial disputes									
- working days lost per '000 employees	no. Aug 91	183.0	14.8	39.2	144.0	185.3	-21.3	98.6	..
Electricity production	million kWh Sep 91	-0.1	-1.7	-5.1	25.4	6.0	-1.7	0.3	..
Actual private new capital expenditure									
- seasonally adjusted	\$m Mar qr 91	-8.4	-22.7	0.8	-8.9	-7.0	-16.9	-10.2	..

(a) All figures are original unless otherwise stated. (b) The Australian total includes figures for NT and the ACT (c) Available only for the middle month of the quarter. * An asterisk before a statistical series denotes that a corresponding graph is included in the relevant section.

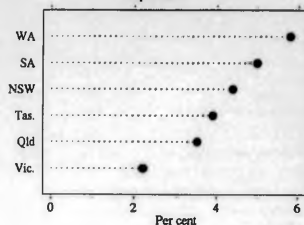
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September 1991



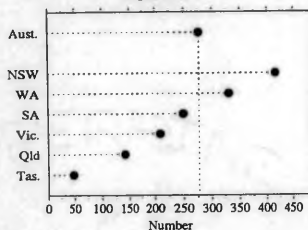
RETAIL TURNOVER

Trend estimates
Change over same period previous year
September



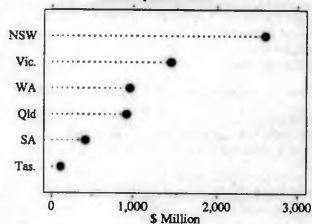
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

Working days lost per '000 employees
August 1991



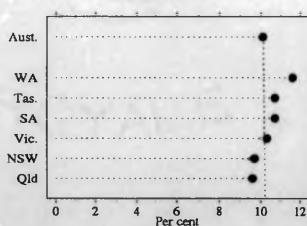
PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Seasonally adjusted
March quarter 1991



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Seasonally adjusted
October 1991



EMPLOYED PERSONS

Change over same period previous year
October 1991

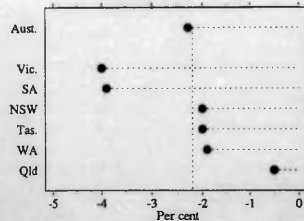


TABLE 2. ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator		Reference period	Victoria				Australia				Victoria as a % of Australia	Source index (a)
			Figures		% Change		Figures		% Change			
			Latest period	Preceding period	Over same period preceding period	Over same period previous year	Latest period	Preceding period	Over same period preceding period	Over same period previous year		
Population -												
Estimated resident population	'000	June qr 91	4,427.4	4,419.4	0.2	1.1	17,335.9	0.3	25.5		1	
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	'000	Oct 91	3,486.9	3,483.5	0.1	1.2	13,555.4	0.1	25.7		2	
Labour force -												
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- original series	'000	Oct 91	2,199.8	2,238.1	-1.7	-1.0	8,489.4	-1.6	25.9		2	
- seasonally adjusted	'000	Oct 91	2,217.8	2,232.0	-0.6	-0.9	8,546.3	-0.4	26.0		2	
- trend estimate	'000	Oct 91	2,216.6	2,211.0	0.3	-0.9	8,551.1	0.1	25.9		2	
Participation rate - seasonally adjusted	per cent	Oct 91	63.0	64.1	..	..	63.6	..	..		2	
*Unemployment rate												
- original series	per cent	Oct 91	9.8	10.6	..	..	9.4	..	..		2	
- seasonally adjusted	per cent	Oct 91	10.3	10.9	..	..	10.1	..	..		2	
- trend estimate	per cent	Oct 91	10.5	10.5	..	..	10.1	..	..		2	
Employed persons by industry (e)												
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, etc (b)	'000	Aug qr 91	102.8	105.9	-2.9	6.1	502.6	-2.4	20.5	13, 14		
Manufacturing	'000	Aug qr 91	366.6	362.2	1.2	-6.7	1107.1	-1.5	33.1	13, 14		
Construction	'000	Aug qr 91	118.4	124.5	-4.9	-21.0	510.2	-6.2	23.2	13, 14		
Wholesale and retail	'000	Aug qr 91	397.2	402.2	-1.2	-7.3	1590.5	-1.2	25.0	13, 14		
Transport and storage	'000	Aug qr 91	91.8	95.7	-4.1	4.6	399.2	-1.2	23.0	13, 14		
Finance, property and business services	'000	Aug qr 91	227.0	223.5	1.6	-5.2	893.9	-1.1	25.4	13, 14		
Community services (c)	'000	Aug qr 91	366.0	362.4	1.0	-2.7	1465.0	2.4	25.0	13, 14		
Recreational, personal and other services	'000	Aug qr 91	135.4	136.1	-0.5	4.0	605.2	-1.2	22.4	13, 14		
Other industries (d)	'000	Aug qr 91	166.7	167.5	-0.5	-2.8	595.5	-0.1	28.0	13, 14		
Total all industries	'000	Aug qr 91	1,972.1	1,979.8	-0.4	-4.9	7,669.2	-0.9	25.7	13, 14		
Job vacancies (e) - original series	'000	Aug qr 91	4.1	3.8	7.9	-61.0	25.6	2.0	16.0	3		
Overtime (e)												
Average weekly hours per employee	hours	Aug qr 91	1.04	1.04	0.0	-16.1	1.07	-3.6	..	3		
Employees working overtime	per cent	Aug qr 91	15.41	15.67	-1.7	-10.7	15.69	-2.8	..	3		
Average weekly employee earnings (e)												
Full-time adult - total	\$	May qr 91	564.10	565.50	-0.2	5.2	560.80	-0.6	..	4		
All employees - total	\$	May qr 91	485.90	497.40	-2.3	2.0	484.30	-2.5	..	4		
Award rates of pay												
Full-time adult employees	June 85=100	Sep 91	137.0	136.0	0.7	3.1	135.1	0.6	..	5		
Industrial disputes												
Working days lost per '000 employees	no.	Aug 91	210	210	0.0	14.8	276	0.4	..	6		
*Consumer price index (e)												
All groups	1980-81=100	Sep qr 91	219.0	217.5	0.7	3.9	215.7	0.6	..	7		
*Retail trade establishments												
Value of turnover												
- original series	\$m	Sep 91	1,726.5	1,803.3	-4.3	0.5	7,225.8	-4.6	23.9	8		
- trend estimate	\$m	Sep 91	1,863.9	1,858.5	0.1	-1.2	7,707.1	0.2	24.3	8		
- seasonally adjusted (1984-85 prices)	\$m	Sep qr 91	3,691.4	3,628.8	1.7	-1.8	15,486.9	2.9	23.8	8		
*Overseas trade -												
Imports	\$m	Aug 91	1,238.7	1,314.4	-5.8	-14.6	4,040.5	-8.2	30.7	9		
Exports (exclude re-exports)	\$m	Aug 91	801.3	693.2	15.6	23.6	4,419.8	4.8	18.1	10		
Tourism -												
Caravan parks - takings	\$'000	June qr 91	12,998	21,471	-39.5	-2.6	83,816	-19.5	15.5	23		
Licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities												
- Takings	\$'000	June qr 91	93,130	99,045	-6.0	1.0	538,518	-4.5	17.3	23		
- Room occupancy rate	per cent	June qr 91	43.7	48.0	..	..	47.6	..	..	23		

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Indicator		Reference period	Victoria				Australia				Victoria as a % of Australia	Source index (a)
			Figures		% Change		Figures		% Change			
			Latest period	Preceding period	Over preceding period	Over same period previous year	Latest period	Over preceding period				
*New motor vehicle registrations -												
New motor vehicle registrations												
- original series	no.	Sep 91	8,919	8,826	31.6	-33.0	40,390	-4.8	22.1	11		
- seasonally adjusted	no.	Sep 91	8,494	9,015	-5.8	-32.6	39,993	-5.3	21.2	11		
- trend estimate	no.	Sep 91	9,031	9,058	-0.3	-21.2	41,612	0.1	21.7	11		
Cars and station wagons												
- original series	no.	Sep 91	7,866	7,791	1.0	-29.9	34,301	-5.3	22.9	11, 12		
- seasonally adjusted	no.	Sep 91	7,353	7,984	-7.9	-32.4	33,665	-6.5	21.8	11, 12		
Other motor vehicles (excludes motor cycles)												
- original series	no.	Sep 91	1,054	1,036	1.7	-29.1	6,089	-1.4	17.3	11, 12		
- seasonally adjusted	no.	Sep 91	1,141	1,032	10.6	-33.1	6,329	1.9	18.0	11, 12		
Manufacturing -												
Actual private new capital expenditure												
- original series	\$m	Dec qr 90	611	560	9.1	-21.9	2,074	14.5	29.5	15, 16		
Production -												
Whole milk	million litres	Aug 91	267	168	58.9	64.8	471	32.7	56.7	17, 18		
Butter	tonnes	Aug 91	3,847	1,708	125.2	29.2	4,673	88.7	82.3	19		
Cheese (incl. cheddar and non-cheddar)	tonnes	Aug 91	7,315	4,575	59.9	10.5	12,229	35.2	59.8	19		
Yarns												
- Cotton	tonnes	Aug 91	821	1,050	-21.8	-20.4	2,236	-11.7	36.7	17, 18		
- Woollen	tonnes	Aug 91	1,331	1,382	-3.7	-2.7	1,681	-8.1	79.2	17, 18		
Woven fabric												
- Cotton	'000 sq m	Aug 91	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	3,382	-7.4	n.p.	17, 18		
- Woollen (includes worsted wool)	'000 sq m	Aug 91	182	162	12.3	-33.3	756	26.4	24.1	17, 18		
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq m	Aug 91	6,070	5,589	8.6	2.3	16,726	12.8	36.3	17, 18		
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq m	Aug 91	3,065	3,049	0.5	-12.4	3,802	-0.8	80.6	17, 18		
Clay bricks	million	Aug 91	25	27	-7.4	-34.2	141	-2.8	17.7	17, 18		
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu m	Sep 91	172	181	-5.0	-36.8	1,078	-4.5	16.0	20		
Paints and other surface coatings												
- Architectural and decorative paints	'000 litres	Aug 91	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	8,199	19.2	n.p.	21		
Electricity - production	million kWh	Sep 91	3,262	3,556	-8.3	-1.7	12,905	-8.6	25.3	22		
Gas - available for issue through mains	million Mj	Sep 91	18,594	22,902	-3.2	18.7	48,567	-12.8	38.3	22		
*Actual private new capital expenditure -												
Building and structures - original series	\$m	Mar qr 91	420	545	-22.9	-30.5	2,264	-20.7	18.6	15		
Equipment, plant and machinery - original series	\$m	Mar qr 91	842	1,021	-17.5	-17.7	3,558	-19.6	23.7	15		
Total new capital expenditure - original series	\$m	Mar qr 91	1,262	1,565	-19.4	-22.4	5,823	-20.0	21.7	15		
- seasonally adjusted	\$m	Mar qr 91	1,427	1,410	1.2	-22.7	6,561	-0.6	21.7	15		
*Housing finance for owner occupation -												
Secured loans to individuals by type of lender												
All Banks												
- number of dwelling units financed	no.	Sep 91	5,318	5,915	-10.1	16.6	21,529	-5.3	24.7	24		
- value of loans secured	\$m	Sep 91	412.6	574.4	-28.2	27.3	1,686.6	-1.7	24.5	24		
Total number of dwelling units financed	no.	Sep 91	6,543	7,051	-7.2	25.9	27,924	-5.4	23.4	24		
Total value of loans secured (f)	\$m	Sep 91	497.6	522.6	-4.8	38.0	2,175.2	-2.8	22.9	24		
Loan purpose (g)												
- Established dwellings	\$m	Sep 91	379.8	350.7	8.3	53.2	1,617.5	-1.5	23.5	24		
- Construction of dwellings	\$m	Sep 91	73.2	80.0	-8.5	-8.5	341.9	-7.2	21.4	24		
- Newly erected dwellings	\$m	Sep 91	20.8	29.6	-29.7	-1.0	108.8	-19.1	19.1	24		
Finance -												
Personal finance commitments - total	\$m	Aug 91	379.0	466.2	-18.7	-17.4	1,637.5	-13.2	23.1	30		
Commercial finance commitments - total	\$m	Aug 91	1,753.3	2,017.9	-13.1	-22.9	6,671.7	-20.0	26.3	31		
Lease finance commitments - total	\$m	Aug 91	67.7	131.4	-48.5	-48.5	347.0	-25.0	19.5	32		

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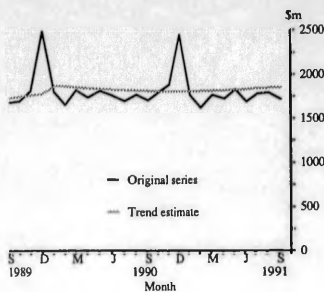
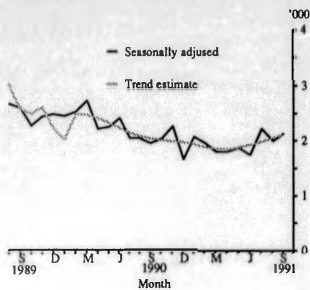
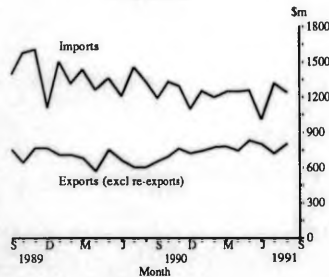
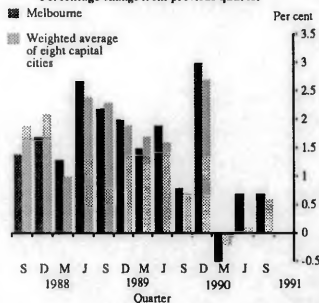
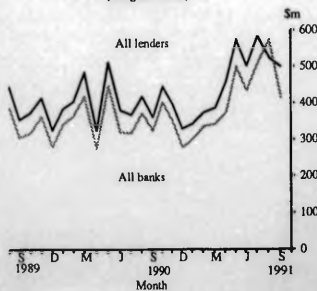
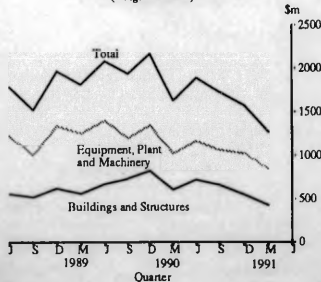
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		Figures		% Change		Figures		% Change			
		Latest period	Preceding period	Over preceding period	Over same period previous year	Latest period	Preceding period	Over preceding period	Over same period previous year		
Building Approvals -											
*New residential dwelling units											
- original series	no. Sep 91	2,077	2,009	3.4	12.7	12,136	-1.2	17.1	25.26		
- seasonally adjusted	no. Sep 91	2,131	1,992	7.0	8.5	12,198	2.7	17.5	25.26		
- trend estimate	no. Sep 91	2,102	2,043	2.9	2.8	12,087	2.6	17.4	25.26		
Value of non-residential buildings											
- original series	\$m Sep 91	94.1	145.9	-17.2	-38.3	485.1	-26.2	19.4	26		
Value of all buildings (f)											
- original series	\$m Sep 91	307.0	353.3	-13.1	-13.1	1,623.6	-9.3	18.9	26		
Building commencements -											
New residential dwelling units, monthly	no. Aug 91	1,765	1,923	-8.2	-18.3	n.a.	n.a.	=	27		
New residential dwelling units, quarterly	no. June qr 91	5,400	5,180	4.2	-23.8	30,110	9.8	17.9	28		
Building Activity -											
Value of total building activity											
- Commenced	\$m June qr 91	986.4	1,121.0	-12.0	-44.0	4,881.8	-1.2	20.2	28		
- Done	\$m June qr 91	1,455.1	1,334.1	9.1	-28.6	6,252.7	2.7	23.3	28		
- Yet to be done	\$m June qr 91	2,368.4	2,759.4	-14.2	-34.6	9,993.5	-10.3	23.7	28		
Engineering construction -											
Value of work by private sector											
- Commenced	\$m June qr 91	151.4	141.4	7.1	-30.5	1,145.5	-29.5	13.2	29		
- Done	\$m June qr 91	219.2	211.6	3.6	-0.4	1,450.5	7.2	15.1	29		
- Yet to be done	\$m June qr 91	414.8	485.6	-14.6	-22.7	3,054.2	-6.8	13.6	29		
Value of work by public sector											
- Commenced	\$m June qr 91	397.0	272.9	45.5	-15.2	1,361.5	16.0	29.2	29		
- Done	\$m June qr 91	439.5	294.6	49.2	-4.4	1,700.6	27.5	25.8	29		
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